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JIM: Christmas tree tags, Bess...

MARY: What would the Rangers Aides do with those, Mr. Robbins?

JIM: Well, you see, Mary, up in the forest we've got a stand of mixed spruce and fir trees that are growing thicker than the hair on a dog's back. They were slated for thinning out several years ago and that's when I ordered the tags. Well, along came the war, and we lost our regular Christmas tree cutters. They're working on bigger trees these days, most of 'em...

JERRY: Yeah, and that stand of evergreens needs thinning more than ever, so as to make room for the best trees in the stand to grow faster, see? But even though there's a swell local market for the Christmas trees we could get from a thinning, we can't touch the job now, important as it is for the good of the forest.

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4 JIM: Well, we certainly couldn't ask 'em to do heavy man's work, Mary. 5 BESS: Jim? JIM: Yes. Bess? :4 BESS; Jim, isn't it true that harvesting Christmas trees is usually done with a simple hand axe or a small saw..... -6 JIM: Yes, that's right, but still ... Hey now, Bess. Don't you go getting any ideas. 8 JERRY: I'll say. It's hard work, even if the trees are small, and it takes v.9 judgment and skill, of a sort, too. 20 BESS: Yes, of course... Mary, suppose you and I go on out in the kitchen. I know Jim and Jerry would like to get back to their work ,12 problems. MARY: Oh, all right. But I am disappointed about the Ranger Aides. 33 14 I had hoped so very much that we could be of help, Mr. Robbins. JIM: Yes, I know, Mary....maybe later on, huh? 3.9 BESS: Come along, Mary.... (FADE) I'll call you when supper's ready, 16 J1m 17 PAUSE 33 FADE IN SOUND OF SAWING AND CHOPPING, SUSTAIN BRIEFLY, THEN OUT 19 50 BESS: The girls are doing a wonderful job, Mary. I think you really have something in your Ranger Aides. 21 MARY: I'm worried, though, Mrs. Robbins. What is Mr. Robbins going to 55

think about all this? What will he say when he gets here?

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MARY: Yes, and he seems to enjoy working with them, too, but still ...

BESS: I think it's well worth trying, Mary. It'll give a lot of folks a chance to have Christmas trees this year, and it'll give Old Dan a chance to make a little cash selling the trees.

And then this stand of trees is getting the treatment it needs for better future production, just like Jim wanted. And your Range Aides will do the whole job. Wait, here's one of the girls now ...

MARY: It's Joan Campbell ...

JOAN: (ABOUT 15) (COMING ON) Miss Halloway?

MARY: Yes, Joan?

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JOAN: Mister Dan says we've reached the end of the little section

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BESS: (LAUGHING) Yes, we better not out any more til Jam gets here. ~ 2 I believe we've already covered a large enough area to prove . 5 to him what these Ranger Aides can really do. . 6 MARY : Well then you better tell the girls to stop outting, Joan. * 3 And here are some tree tags to take back with you ... And Joan? 0 JOAN: Yes, ma am? . 7 MARY: Tell the girls to be real careful about where they put their . hand axes and saws, won't you? Safety first, you know. -JOAN: Oh, we'll be careful, Miss Halloway. Mister Dan keeps 10 reminding us about that all the time. And Miss Halloway, you P TE 63 ought to hear what the girls are saying about all this. We 12 think it's wonderful, honestly. And we're really helping 1.8 Ranger Robbins to improve the forest and use it properly, 140 aren't we? 18 MARY: I ... I think so, Joan. 18 BE33: (HEARTILY) Of course you are, Joan. And a splendid job 33 you're doing, too. la Joan: Isn't that the Ranger coming this way now? 强音 MARY: Oh dear! And Jerry's with him ... Now, let me do the talking, Mary ... (CALLS) Hello there, Jim! 20 BESS: Ma JIM: (COMING ON) Well, quite a surprise, Bess, quite a surprise.

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25 MARY: Stealing timber? Oh dear!

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JIM: How are you going to get around the fact that folks need a permit before they can out a single tree in the National 3 Forest? • 4 BESS: (CONCERNED) Oh dear! That's the one thing I forgot, Jim ... 5 Jim, I'm corry ... Really I am ... JERRY: (BREAKING INTO A LAUGH) Aw, cut at out, Jim ... Go on, tell . 7 em the truth. 8 MARY: What's that? 9 BESS: Jim Robbins, if you've been teasing me ... 20 JIM: (CHUCKLING) Now, Bess, you didn't really think you and Mary 11 and all these girls could come up here and do this job without 12 my knowing it, did you? 13 EESS: (RESIGNED) I suppose not, Jim ... 24 JIM: (CHUCKLING) I knew, sure as Fate, what you had in mind when 15 you left Jerry and me in the office last night. I knew you'd 13 get hold of an experienced hand like Dan Johnson too, before 27 you ever started anything like this and so I didn't have to 19 worry about any damage being done up here. 19 BESS: But, Jim, the permit. We didn't get a permit. 20 31

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4	he could pay for the trees in advance. He'll do all right
5	too, in the local market. And, Mary, he plans to make some
6	arrangement with you about the Girl Scout troop fund, too.
7 MARY:	That old dear. He didn't let on a bit. Then everything's
8	all right?
9 JIM:	Yes, Mary And why are you looking at me that way with thos
1.0	big brown eyes, young lady? I mean you, Joan.
11 JOAN:	I think you Rangers are wonderful, Mister Robbins. You think
12	of everything, don't you?
13 JIM:	(CHUCKLING) Not always, young lady. Say, those tags you've
3.4	got there in your hand. Don't use 'em.
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16 JIM:	Yes, but I'd rather you used these I brought with me here,
17	instead. Go on, read it, Joan, read what's on the tag.
18 JOAN:	(READING) "The prevention of forest fires through the past
19	years has made it possible for this tree to decorate your home
20	on Christmas Day"
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